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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Via EFS

15 October 2009

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 15 June 2009 from Examiner Rita R. Patel of Art Unit 1792.

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STATUS

This patent application is pending.

Claims 1-23 are pending.

Claim 14 has been objected to.

Claims 20-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 112.

Claims 1-6, 8, 11-12, and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) by German Patent No. 1,642,075 to Herbertz (Herbertz '075).

Claims 21-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Herbertz '075.

Claims 7, 9-10, and 13-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) over Herbertz '075 in view of US Patent Pub. No. 2003/0110817 to Nitschmann (Nitschmann '817).

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE

1. Extension of Time.

This response is being filed with a separate Petition for an Extension of Time of one (1) month up to and including 15 October 2009 and the requisite fee.

2. Excess Claims Fee.

The fee for twenty-three (23) total claims and three (3) independent claims has been paid. This response results in twenty-four (24) total claims and four (4) independent claims and the excess claims fee for one (1) excess total claim and one (1) excess independent claim is being submitted.